

Michigan Senate	Basic Information	Calendar Year 2012
Senator Salary:	\$71,685; additional amounts for leadership positions	
Senator Expenses:	\$900 per month for lodging/meals/misc. 1 round trip per week from home to Lansing at the IRS reimbursement rate (55.5 cents per mile at the beginning of 2012).	
Health Benefits:	Cafeteria Plan same as Senate employees Choice between Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO1 or 2 or Flex Blue 2 (HSA) \$20 office visit co-pay for PPO1 and 2 for Senators and employees. \$15 Generic & \$30 Brand name RX co-pay for Senators and employees. Dental: Delta Dental – Choice of 4 levels Vision: Blue Cross/Blue Shield – Choice of 2 Blue Cross Plans or EyeMed Life Insurance: 1 times pay (max \$50,000) or 2 times pay (max \$200,000) Dependent Life Insurance: Different Levels of choice Accidental Death and Dismemberment: Several choices Senators contribute 20% of the illustrative premium rates for medical insurance. Employees pay up to 20% of the illustrative rates for medical insurance, dependent on their salary.	
Session:	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.	
Committee Meetings:	Usually Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons	
District Meetings:	Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday if no session, and some Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings when in session	
Current Office Allocation:	\$46,800 each Senator	
Current Staff Budget Majority Party Members:	\$160,100 + 4 staff benefit packages	
Current Staff Budget Minority Party Members:	\$97,600 + 2 staff benefit packages	